

Preservations Partners Task Force
Agenda
20 June 2006
City Hall
Training Center
7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM.

Attendees: Ron Anzalone, Pete Behr, Charles Moore,
Kevin Lee Sarring, and Cathy Taylor

Staff: Elizabeth Friel and Debra Gee

2. Discussion of Recommendations and Recommendations to City Council

- a. Chair Behr reported on a meeting with Mel Peterson, Real Estate Assessor, and the possibility of the City providing real estate tax relief for property owners who voluntarily grant easements to the City or to nonprofits. Mr. Peterson to report back on what other VA jurisdictions are doing after attending a conference for Assessors in early June.
- b. Community Outreach efforts to commence in September, after school resumes. A link to the City's website could include a map with interactive features such as photographs of particular historic properties, as well as the Task Force's recommendations and arguments for stronger protection of properties. Cathy Taylor to develop slide show presentation by September. Elizabeth Friel suggested that Cathy work with the City's GIS Coordinator on mapping.
- c. Task Force members spent considerable time discussing and wordsmithing draft recommendations using a tier approach for level of protection. Properties currently certified would be grandfathered under existing legislation. Historic districts of multiple properties would have differing Design Guidelines for "Contributing" and "Noncontributing" properties. The highest level of

protection would be given to newly designated "Landmarks".

Discussion included the role of the Historical Commission and the HARB; staff support for both boards, as well as citizens seeking to nominate districts and properties to state and national registers.

Chair Behr to circulate revised draft recommendations to the full Task Force for consideration at a meeting in July. He will also seek consensus for a July meeting date.

Chair Behr to petition the City Council on 26 June for additional time, up to six months, to finalize recommendations and to complete the community outreach with which the Task Force was charged.

3. Discussion/Decision on Whether to Provide Comments on City Center
Deferred until the July meeting.

4. Approval of Meeting Summary of 23 May 2006
Approved the Meeting Summary, as presented.

5. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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